

Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting
October 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Raul Saenz (City of MB), Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), Kristy Morris (City of Hermosa Beach), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Chien Pei (Mark) Yu (CalTrans), TJ Moon (LACFCD), Michelle Reed (LACFCD), Amy Kim (Exxon Mobil Refinery), Georgia Tunioli (The Bay Foundation), Kathleen McGowan (McGowan Consulting), Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

1. Introductions/Approval of minutes from 9-8-15 meeting
 - a. Group will review minutes and approve via email
2. Clean Bay Restaurant Program
 - a. The Bay Foundation will be hosting a meeting of the Clean Bay Restaurant partners on Wednesday November 4th from 10:30-12:30pm at the Santa Monica Main Library
 - i. The meeting will cover the Bay Foundation's plans for the future and timeline for changes to the program
 - ii. The partners will vote on a new decal at this meeting
 - b. The Bay Foundation has created a Street Team to offer support to restaurants and help with events
 - c. The Bay Foundation has applied for a SoCal Gas grant to update their materials and add an educational component (Clean Bay Connection) to the program
 - d. They plan to produce an event in the future to recognize the Clean Bay certified restaurants
 - b. They are asking the cities for leads on funding and to share their Clean Bay Restaurant activities through social media
3. RFP for CIMP Implementation
 - a. RFP went out last Friday (October 9, 2015) and is due November 10, 2015 at 3pm
 - b. A number of consultants were notified based on a list from LA County and respondents to the Peninsula Agencies CIMP RFP
 - c. The group agreed to allow McGowan Consulting to share the list of consulting firms that were notified of the RFP with certain labs who have asked for the information
 - d. Hermosa Beach requested that the RFP be shared with Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting (ABC) Labs
 - e. The group discussed a timeline for awarding the CIMP Implementation contract
 - i. November 10, 2015 - Receive responses to RFP
 - ii. December 1, 2015 – Beach Cities WMG group review of responses to RFP
 - iii. December 8, 2015 – Interviews with consulting firms (if needed)
 - iv. December 11, 2015 – Deadline for selected consulting firm to provide comments on standard Manhattan Beach agreement

- v. December 14, 2015 – Provide agreement and RFP to City Attorney for review
- vi. January 5, 2016 – Council awarding of CIMP Implementation consultant contract and approval of MOU

2. CIMP

- a. The final CIMP incorporating all conditions was submitted to the Regional Board by the September 24, 2015 deadline
- b. Following discussion with Regional Board staff, site SMB O-7 will be included in the first round of non-stormwater screening source ID investigations
 - i. This site may need to be added to the SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring sites in the future
 - ii. The CIMP has been revised to reflect this change
- c. Monitoring must commence by November 23, 2015
 - i. The other WMGs are considering their non-stormwater screening and source ID and TMDL monitoring as evidence of commencing implementing the CIMP
- d. Non-stormwater Screening
 - i. The first round of NSW Screening Source Identification investigations (25% of significant outfalls) needs to be completed by December 28, 2015
 - ii. HB, RB, and Torrance have all completed 2 screenings and showed no significant flow to the wave wash at any of the sites (the exception being the Herondo drain)
 - iii. MB needs to complete its 2nd screening event
 - iv. All cities need to provide their field data sheets to McGowan Consulting to provide to the CIMP Implementation Consultant who will be completing the Source ID investigations

3. MOU

- a. Regional Project Monitoring
 - i. Group agreed to strike all mention of regional project monitoring from the narrative of the MOU, however agreed to leave the costs outlined in the exhibits
 - ii. Group requested the addition of a statement regarding the general sharing of data not included in the MOU scope
- b. Individual NPDES holders contribution
 - i. Exxon Mobil would like to participate in CIMP monitoring task 4 (stormwater outfall monitoring) and task 6 (reporting)
 - ii. The Regional Board would like to have a discussion with Exxon Mobil and a Beach Cities WMG representative to decide how they should be included in order to meet the requirements of their permit
 - iii. The group agreed that costs will be reduced only for parties within the watershed to which the individual NPDES permit holder is contributing drainage and according to their area share within that watershed
 - iv. The group agreed to a flat fee for individual NPDES permit holders (fee to be based on their area share within the sub-watershed to which they are

draining)

- c. Caltrans
 - i. Caltrans review timeline conflicts with the Beach Cities projected timeline for approving the MOU and would considerably hold back implementation of the CIMP
 - ii. The group agreed to remove Caltrans from this MOU and allow for inclusion at a later date by amendment to the MOU
- d. The MOU will need to be distributed to city attorneys for review and costs will be added once they become available

4. Hyperion 5 to 1 mile diversion
 - a. The City of LA is now monitoring all the SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring sites 5 days a week
 - i. There is a significant amount of data that will need to be incorporated into next year's annual report
 - ii. Some of the sites are getting high hits for bacteria (fecal indicator) since the diversion that is uncharacteristic for dry weather
 - b. City of RB is sharing all shoreline monitoring data with City of LA
5. EWMP
 - a. The Regional Board has requested a meeting with the Beach Cities WMG prior to issuing comments on the EWMP
 - i. The group agreed to Thursday afternoon
 - b. Regional Board staff Conditional Approval of the WMPs was approved by the Regional Board
 - c. Most of the WMP comments focused on financial strategy and modelling, so we can expect comments similar to these on the EWMP
 - d. The Regional Board has said it will provide comments on the EWMP by the end of October
 - e. There will be an EWMP workshop with the Regional Board on November 5, 2015 and the Beach Cities WMG should be prepared to respond to comments/questions on their EWMP
6. MS4 Permit Annual Reports
 - a. Results of SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring
 - i. McGowan Consulting discussed the results of the shoreline monitoring with the group
 - ii. There were dry weather exceedances at 3 sites in Manhattan and Hermosa Beach during the reporting year
 - iii. McGowan Consulting requested the LFD data from LA County for the days/sites where dry weather exceedances occurred
7. Industrial General Permit sites
 - a. The Regional Board has sent out letters requesting cities to modify their business license procedures to help identify industrial sites that have not filed for coverage under the Statewide Industrial General Permit
 - b. This issue will be discussed at the LA Permit Group meeting on October 14, 2015
8. LA County v. Monsanto

- a. LA County is considering pursuing a class action lawsuit against Monsanto to get help with PCB/DDT remediation in the Santa Monica Bay
- b. An email has been distributed to the city reps and should be forwarded to City Attorney
- 9. Prop 1 Grant Solicitations
 - a. Jill Mohler/Blaise Associates has confirmed that planning applications are eligible for this round of Coastal Conservancy grant solicitations
 - b. Future solicitations may be more targeted (i.e. urban greening) so she will provide a proposal for preparation of grant application during a future round
- 4. Next meeting November 10, 2015, 10am-noon
 - a. Possible interim meeting on October 27, 2015 to prepare for November 5th Board workshop

Summary of Action Items

1. McGowan Consulting will resend September meeting minutes for group review and approval.
2. McGowan Consulting will share list of consulting firms that were notified of the CIMP Implementation RFP with labs that have asked for the information
3. McGowan Consulting will notify ABC Labs that the RFP has been distributed
4. All agencies will send their non-stormwater screening field data sheets to McGowan Consulting to provide to the CIMP Implementation Consultant
5. Exxon Mobil will provide a copy of their relevant permit requirements to McGowan Consulting
6. McGowan Consulting will strike all mention of Regional Project monitoring and reporting from the narrative of the MOU
7. McGowan Consulting will add a section to the MOU on the general sharing of data not included in the scope of the MOU
8. McGowan Consulting will add language to the individual NPDES permit holder section to reflect that costs will be reduced only in the watershed(s) to which the individual NPDES permit holder contributes drainage.
9. McGowan Consulting develop a recommended fee for individual NPDES permit holders once CIMP Implementation costs are available
10. McGowan Consulting will remove Caltrans from the MOU
11. McGowan consulting will provide the final draft MOU to city staff for distribution to City Attorneys
12. McGowan consulting will consolidate City Attorney comments into one document and provide to City of Manhattan Beach for final review
13. McGowan Consulting will provide the SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring data summary spreadsheets to the WMG
14. LA County will provide data on the LFDs at SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring sites for those dates on which a dry weather exceedance occurred
15. McGowan Consulting will incorporate the LFD information from LA County into the exceedance summary spreadsheet and narrative for the annual reports